

Group Overview and Top Three Priorities
Official 2005 White House Conference on Aging Forum
Hosted by the North Carolina Governor's Advisory Council on Aging
Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh
May 18, 2005, 9 am – 2 pm

Please complete the following summary page and the sheet identifying the group's overall top three priorities. You may send any supporting documentation. *Return this information to Julie Bell, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services, 2101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2101 or to Julie.Bell@ncmail.net by April 15, 2005.*

Name of the Organization:	Triangle J Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council on Aging
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Date(s) of group session(s) being reported on:	Council members returned Individual Tools to AAA Director. Group Summary document will be discussed at 4/19 Council meeting.
Total number in attendance:	Twelve, of 24 returned the Individual Tool.
Number attending the group session(s) from each of the following categories (please check all that may apply):	Consumers/Advocates 12 Family Caregivers: _____ Providers: _____ Professional Associations: _____ Trade Associations: _____ Advocates: _____ Government: _____ LTC Facilities: _____ Academia: _____ Media: _____ Baby Boomers: _____ Other: _____
Any additional information of importance:	

**If you have any questions, please contact Julie Bell or Mary Bethel at the
Division of Aging and Adult Services, (919) 733-0440.
Top Three Priorities for Future National Aging Policy**

Please list below your group's top three policy priorities and present other specifics (e.g., implementation strategies, ideas for financing) that would help identify realistic solutions to the problem or issue associated with each priority.

Policy Issue #1: Assure the solvency of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Support economic security (e.g. expand the availability of personal financial and retirement planning; strengthen protections against fraud, abuse and exploitation; increase outreach to those who may not use benefits for which they are eligible; foster employment opportunities and training).

Policy Issue #2: Foster physical and mental well-being by: expanding health promotion and disease prevention activities; addressing the shortage of health care workers; increasing availability of geriatric training for health care workers; supporting mental health services; supporting caregivers; assuring adequate care in long term care facilities; and strengthening end-of-life care options/supports.

Policy Issue #3: Assure strong community supports of seniors and disabled, especially the socially and economically needy (e.g. reauthorize the Older Americans Act; and expand I & R services, transportation, senior center and "one stop" resource center development, and housing with services).

The completed form—**Top Three Priorities**—should be submitted by **April 15th** to Julie Bell at the Division: 2101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2101; fax: 919-733-0443; email: Julie.Bell@ncmail.net. If you have questions about this, contact her by email or phone: 919-733-8400.